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State Fire Safety Board
Bureau of Fire Services – Conference Room B
3101 Technology Blvd, Suite H, Lansing, MI 48910
Thursday, October 18, 2018
1:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lynn Artman, Representing Professional Engineers (via conference call)
John Enkemann, Vice Chair, Representing the Registered Architects
Jeffery Green, Representing Fire Department Upper Peninsula (via conference call)
Lindsey Haley, Representing Owners of Adult Foster Care Facilities
Mark Jensen, Representing the Liquefied Petroleum/Flammable Gas Industry
Andrew Lenaghan, Chairman, Representing Fire Departments in the Lower Peninsula
Kenneth Letts, Representing the Flammable Liquids Industry
Kassandra Renneberg, Representing Places of Public Assemblage
Ron Sabin, Representing Fire Departments in the Lower Peninsula
Kevin Sehlmeier, State Fire Marshal/Director, Ex-Officio Member
Robert Williams, Representing the Building Trades

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Julie Bulson, Representing Hospital Administrators
Tina Kerr, Representing School Board Administrators/Members
Paul Korte, Representing the Nursing Home Industry
Jeramie Morris, Representing the Chemical Manufacturing Industry
David Piche, Representing Fire Departments in the Lower Peninsula
Michael Powers, Representing the Licensed Electrical Contractors

OTHER BUREAU ATTENDEES:

Kevin Stone, LARA, Contractor
Adam Krouse, LARA, Plan Review Consultant

I. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

The State Fire Safety Board Meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM. Chairman Andrew Lenaghan asked all in attendance to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Lenaghan advised attendee of emergency exiting procedures at the BFS and asked Kevin Stone, acting Executive Secretary to the Board to take a roll call of members present. A quorum was determined present. Chairman Lenaghan welcomed all attendees in attendance and on the conference call.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

A **MOTION** was made by **Board Member Enkemann** and seconded by **Board Member Sabin** to approve the meeting agenda for October 18, 2018. **MOTION CARRIED.**

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A **MOTION** was made by **Board Member Letts** and seconded by **Board Member Jensen** to approve the minutes from September 20, 2018, as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

V. BUREAU OF FIRE SERVICES/STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT:

Fire Marshal Sehlmeier introduces Adam Krouse, Plan Review Consultant with the Bureau of Fire Service in case the fire safety board had any questions pertaining to Plan Reviews or citations.

Representative Lilly's Fireworks Bill:

Fire Marshal Sehlmeier shared with the fire safety board that he has been meeting with Representative Lilly's office to include some changes in an upcoming Fireworks bill. Included in this fireworks bill, there are some potential changes to Public Act 256. Two of the changes include the steps taken in the event of a drought, and the process that a drought would be how to categorize. The bill also would decrease the number of days fireworks could be used, if a community has an ordinance. Another proposed change would be that misdemeanor fines would be changed to civil fines if the proposed bill passes. Other changes include raising the transfer fee from \$25 to \$250, this change would help BFS staff due to the amount of work involved when fireworks transfers occur. Currently, the deadline to pass the bill is the end of December 2018.

PFOS and Class B AFFF Foam

The Fire Marshal shared an update on PFOS and Class B AFFF Foam since the last meeting. The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) initially reached out to the Bureau of Fire Services to conduct a survey of fire departments to see if they have Class B AFFF foam. As of the meeting, six hundred and sixty (660) out of the one thousand and thirty-five (1035) fire Departments have taken the survey. As of right now fire departments have shared that they have 30,000 gallons of Class B AFFF foam in fire stations across the state. The Fire Marshal further recommends that fire departments should not use Class B AFFF foam for training. If departments need to train with foam they should use Class A foam as it is more environmentally friendly. If a department uses Class B AFFF, they need to call the DEQ's Pollution Emergency Alerting System (PEAS) number. The Fire Marshal also shared that according to Carol Issacs from MPART that 75% of residents in MI get their water from a municipal water system. The

state during the last six months have been working to test every municipal water system in the state for PFOS.

PUBLIC ASSEMBLY

The Fire Marshal shared that the recently formed Public Assemblies Ad Hoc Committee met twice in August. The Public Assemblies committee has put together a draft that has been submitted to LSB to create a draft bill for potential legislation. Potentially, the draft bill will address, the Public Assembly buildings statewide that are not being inspected annually per Public Act 207. In the draft bill prepared by the Public Assemblies committee every community will get the ability to inspect public assembly buildings for a reasonable fee to cover costs to conduct the inspections.

Local fire departments that do not want to or that do not have people trained to inspect public assemblies could work with other communities, enter into agreements with other fire departments in their county or they could contract an independent "Certified Public Assembly Inspector (CPAI)" to complete their inspections. If a community does not have the ability to conduct the inspections or there is not a Certified Public Assembly Inspector available in that part of the state, the Bureau of Fire Service would conduct the inspections for a fee, just like the local fire department or CPAI. Initially, it was hoped that the draft bill would be introduced this fall session. Unfortunately, it does not look like the draft bill will get any movement this fall. The Fire Marshal shared that he expects action on a bill would move forward in January.

Board Member Renneberg shared that she is also doubtful the draft bill will be taken up this legislative session, due to the election. She further explained that with new people being elected and coming to Lansing in January, that it will take time to develop the relationships needed to move the Public Assemblies legislation forward in 2019.

The Fire Marshal further shared with the fire safety board that he has heard rumors that a TV story will be coming out in the next month about the fact that Public Assemblies are not being inspected by the BFS and have not been inspected since 1978 when it was added to PA 207.

VI. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

None.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Ron Sabin – School Drills or Lockdowns

Board Member Sabin shared with the fire safety board that WOOD TV 8 had recently done a story on schools and fire alarms. The story shared that a school system in Van Buren county is investigating possible fires prior to having students leave when fire alarms go off during the school day. Mr. Sabin wanted to make sure the Fire Marshal was aware of this development and wasn't blindsided by the WOOD TV 8 story. The Fire Marshal shared he was aware of the story.

The Fire Marshal shared that Governor Snyder had put together a School Safety task force to address safety schools statewide. The task force is finishing up on a draft plan that should be sent to the governor in the next 35 days. There may be some legislative bills introduced in December that could address school safety. The driving force behind this legislation is due to recent school shootings. The fire marshal requested a meeting with MSP Lt. Colonel Kelenske in late June after attending an active shooter workshop at NFPA in May. He shared that he felt that the BFS and Building Construction Code (BCC) needed to be involved in school security policy development to address building modifications and fire alarms and suppression concerns. He further explained that fire and EMS would be at a school shooting, and they too needed to be included in planning to develop plans and policies working with school security and law enforcement.

In late July the fire marshal, Brian Williams, Keith Lamberts and John Parde met with Lt. Colonel Kelenske to discuss how the BFS and BCC can get involved in policy and school safety concern sub-committees. Lt. Colonel Kelenske agreed that he would like to see the Fire Marshal, Brian Williams, Keith Lamberts and John Parde participate in future sub-committee meetings of the School Safety task force chaired by Kelenske.

At a previous Safety Board meeting the Fire Marshal was asked to check into what Indiana was doing in relationship to a "Delayed Exiting" to investigate when the fire alarms activate at schools. He shared that in Indiana when certain conditions are met that Indiana schools can delay up to three (3) minutes before students are evacuated per legislation passed in Indiana.

The Fire Marshal expects legislative changes could occur in the near future in Michigan and recommended that the Fire Safety Board should take a look at NFPA 3000, an "Active Shooter" document.

A question was asked about how many school fires occur each year? The Fire Marshal shared that he will provide NFIRS information on school fires in Michigan at the December 6, 2018 meeting.


b. Fireworks Appeals

- i. Citation FW 15513 called to order at 2:11 p.m., issued to Big Z Fireworks/Pro Fireworks, has been upheld, adjourned at 2:12 p.m.
- ii. Citation FW 15738 called to order at 2:17 p.m., issued to Dollar Deal, has been upheld, adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

A **MOTION** was made by **Board Member Renneberg** and seconded by **Board Member Sabin** at 2:19 p.m.

The next meeting will be scheduled for December 6, at 1:00 p.m. at the Bureau of Fire Services located at 3101 Technology Blvd., Suite H, Lansing, MI 48910.


Chair, State Fire Safety Board

12/6/18
Date:

ANDREW R. LEIGHTON
Printed Name of the State Fire Safety Board Chair